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PLEASE PASS TO DONALD B. REED, DE LAVAL TURBINE, INC., PRINCETON,
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SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE REQUESTING THE ADMISSION OF THE CHILDREN OF YOUR DUTCH EMPLOYEE KEES HUIS TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN AMMAN.

2. I HAVE REFERRED YOUR CABLE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD WHICH IS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL. THE ACS IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND THE BOARD AND PRINCIPAL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY ON ADMISSION UQESTIONS IN GENERAL, THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS ARE ACCOMMODATED ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SCHOOL NOW HAS A SEVERE OVERCROWDING PROBLEM, THE BOARD HAS FOR THE PRESENT DECIDED THAT IT IS UNABLE TO ADMIT NON-AMERICAN STUDENTS. WE ARE ALL AWARE, HOWEVER, OF THE CRITICAL NEED TO EXPAND THE SCHOOL AND WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO DO SO AND ARE HAVING AN EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT COME TO AMMAN THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO COME TO SOM DECISIONS ON THE BEST MEANS OF EXPANDING THE PRESENT FACILITIES. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE STUDENT BODY CAPACITY BY NEXT FALL BUT WILL REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY INCLUDING U.S. FIRMS HERE IF WE ARE TO DO SO. THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE APPROACHING YOUR FIRM AND OTHERS RESIDENT HERE IN THAT REGARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. PRIOR TO CONSIDERING THE REQUEST FOR MR. HUIS, THE SCHOOL BOARD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: AGES AND
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CURRENT SCHOOL GRADE FOR HIS CHILDREN; WHEN THEY WOULD WISH TO

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ENTER THE SCHOOL. THERE WOULD FRANKLY BE A PROBLEM IF THE CHILDREN WISH TO ENTER THISSCHOOL YEAR. THE OVERCROWDING IS SO SEVERE THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONAL APPLICATIONS HOWEVER, THE BOARD HOPES THE SITUATION MAY EASE SOMEWHAT BY NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, IF PART OF THE NEW FACILITIES CAN BE FINANCED AND BUILT BY THEN. IN ANY CASE, THE SCHOOL REVIEWS THE SCHOOL RECORD OF EACH CHILD BEFORE ACCEPTING THEIR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

4. IN CONCLUSION, WHILE THE BOARD CAN NOT MAKE AN ADVANCE COMMITMENT TO ACCEPTING MR. HUIS' CHILDREN, I CAN ASSURE YOU ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD THAT THEY WILL GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONAL EMPLOYEES OF U.S. FIRMS, ONCE WE CAN SOLVE THE SITUATION OF SEVERE OVERCROWDING WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS.
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